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Title: System and Method for Allowing Applications to Retrieve Properties and Configuration Information from a Persistent Store

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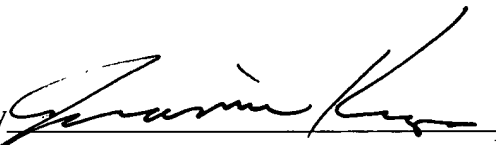
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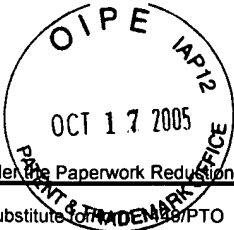
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